

SR-111 (Ross Road to SR-78)

■ OVERALL GOALS

- Upgrade existing SR-111 between Ross Road and SR-78 in Imperial County
- Accommodate NAFTA traffic through the Calexico Port of Entry
- Provide a north/south connection from the international border to the future Brawley bypass and SR-86
- Alleviate operational deficiencies caused by a high percentage of truck traffic, slow moving farm equipment, recreation vehicles, and lack of passing lanes

■ MAPS

- Vicinity
- Project

■ THE PROJECT

The project calls for constructing a new four-lane divided expressway on SR-111 between Ross Road and Mead Road.

■ TRAFFIC

Approximately 8,000 to 12,000 vehicles per day currently travel various sections of SR-111. Traffic is projected to double on SR-111 during the next 20 years due to the rapid increase of residential and commercial developments. In addition, the rising demands of NAFTA trade would make this rural highway a major shipping and commuter route.

■ CONSTRUCTION

Construction will be completed in three contracts starting from Ross Road and moving north. Construction is underway on the first two stages from Ross Road to Keystone Road. Stage 1 was opened to motorists on Sept. 23, 2002. Stage 2 is expected to be completed in Fall 2003. Construction of the final stage is expected to be completed in Fall 2004. The existing roadway will be relinquished to Imperial County as a frontage road when the entire project is completed.

■ FUNDING

The \$125-million project is fully funded through a combination of federal and state funds from the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

■ CONTACT

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